Extension of the irrigation under the Muneru river by the Zamindar of Muktyala.

* 1245 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Zamindar of Muktyala (Chintelapati vantu) is prepared to extend the irrigation channel from Muneru river from Nandigama (Kistna district) to Kanchela and Chintalapadu, etc ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Ithavaram, Amberpet, Ketaveerunipadu, Kanchela, Thotaravulapadu and Chintalapadu, etc., villages in Nandigama taluk have sent petitions to the Government and to the Board of Revenue to acquire some lands in Amberpet Agraharam in the way so that the said irrigation channel from the Muneru river may be taken to their villages ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that a ryots' conference also passed resolutions to the same effect and communicated them to the Revenue authorities ;

(d) what action the Government have taken so far ; and

(e) whether the Government intend helping those ryots in the said extension of irrigation facilities by the Zamindar of Muktyala ?

A.—(a) to (c) Yes.

(d) & (e) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I ask when the final orders will be passed by the Government ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It is not possible for me to say, Sir."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I ask if the Government will take into consideration the fact that this is the proper season for extending that canal ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Certainly ; the matter will be expedited as much as possible."

Repairs to the aqueduct at Gorripudi in the East Godavari district.

* 1246 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 901 answered on the 29th November 1928 regarding repairs to the aqueduct at Gorripudi in the East Godavari district—

(a) whether the report called for has been received and whether any orders have been passed thereon ; and

(b) if so, whether the same will be placed on the Council table ?

A.—(a) & (b) The report called for has not been received.

Landlord and Tenant

Introduction of the Estates Land Act Amendment Bill.

* 1247-A Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the Estates Land Act Amendment Bill will be introduced in the Council ; and

(b) whether the report of the Board of Revenue referred to in answer to question No. 755-A answered on 28th November 1928 has been received ?

A.—(a) The Bill is at present under the consideration of the Government. It is not possible to say now when it will be introduced.

(b) Yes.

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Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government are likely to come to a conclusion on this matter which has been long pending ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The matter may be long pending; it has not been pending long with the Government. The Government will do so as soon as possible. I cannot say more than that."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I ask if it is not advisable to come to a conclusion at an early date so that the Bill may be introduced in March and the Select Committee that is likely to be appointed may have a long time in summer to consider the Bill ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That consideration will be borne in mind, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" May I ask whether the Bill is still under the consideration of the Government or has received the sanction of the Government of India ?"

The hon. the President :—" That question has already been answered; it is under the consideration of the Local Government."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" With reference to a question on 28th November 1928, the hon. the Revenue Member answered and promised that he would finish the consideration of the Bill by the next month, i.e., by the end of December. May I know what considerations prevented him from finishing the consideration as he promised ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" If the hon. Member wil quote, Sir, exactly what I said, I may be in a position to answer him.'

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" On 28th November 1928, in reply to question No. 755, the hon. Member was pleased to reply ' we hope to come to a conclusion by the end of next month; we will then have the Bill sent to the Government of India and if it comes in time, we will be ready '."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Yes, Sir. I am sorry it was impossible to realize the hope."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I ask whether the proposals under the consideration of the Government are favourable more to the ryots or landlords ?"

The hon. the President :—" The question need not be answered. It is not admissible."

Introduction of the Estates Land Act Amendment Bill.

* 1247-B *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any likelihood of the Bill to amend the Estates Land Act being introduced in the Council in March or April this year?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 1247-A.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the consideration of the Bill is being postponed from time to time on account of the landlords helping the Simon Commission ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."